

Basic Food Flavors, Inc. has recalled all hydrolyzed vegetable proteins (HVP) in powder and paste form that it has produced since September 17, 2009. Earlier this week, the recall was initiated by contacting its customers who purchased HVP produced in this timeframe. The manufacturing date is prominently printed on the label under the HVP #, lot # and Net Wt. declaration.

The recall is being conducted because current evidence indicates one production lot in this timeframe tested positive for *Salmonella* and because *Salmonella* has been found in the environment of the manufacturing facility, such that additional lots may have become contaminated

FDA has not received reports of illnesses that appear to have been associated with this HVP.

The recalled HVP and products made with it have been further distributed. FDA believes that many uses of HVP by food manufacturers will mitigate the risk from *Salmonella* in the finished product. However, we also believe that there are finished products for which this is not the case.

We are bringing this situation to your attention because the recall process is ongoing and we wanted you to be aware.

For those who received the recalled HVP, we are asking for the firms to evaluate their processes to determine if the foods in which the HVP was used were manufactured using a validated kill step for *Salmonella*.

Questions regarding whether a kill step is adequate should be submitted along with processing information to the FDA District Recall Coordinators, who will send the information to the appropriate office for review.